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FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

November 6, 1980
Room 300, Morrill Hall

Chairman Marcia Eaton called the FCC meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Others present were Bob Brasted, Vera Schletzer, Skip Scriven, Donald Spring, Pat Swan, and guest Carol Pazandak.

Eaton expressed her deep concern over faculty attendance at FCC and SCC meetings, attendance which is irregular because the members are busy people and many have a number of out-of-town commitments. The results are that the work of the committee falls on too few persons and the number of viewpoints to offer the President is diminished. She said that she will advise George Blake, Chairman of the nominating committee for next year's Twin Cities campus members, that the committee must level with prospective nominees regarding the heavy meeting schedule of the committee.

No faculty member from the SCC will attend the important University legislative hearing on November 20 when the SCC has a full agenda. Eaton will request last year's SCC Chairperson, Rick Purple, to attend the legislative session and report back to the FCC. Swan announced that UCBRBR hopes to have Walter Johnson and possibly Stan Lehmberg too there as its representative(s).

Eaton shared a list of names President Magrath had suggested the FCC's considering for the faculty legislative liaison position. He has promised half-time release for a faculty member for winter and spring quarters. Schletzer said key requirements are for accurate reporting back to the faculty and representation of the faculty views to the legislature. The names under consideration from the President's list, as augmented by the FCC, are

Phil Shively	Carl Adams	Don Browne
John Borchert	Ed Foster	Don Rasmussen
John Howe	Walter Johnson	Paul Grambsch
Gary Wynia	Rick Purple	Jack Merwyn
Peter Robinson	Dick Poppele	Oswald Brownlee
Frank Sorauf	Dwight Brown	

Spring suggested there would be some practical advantage in choosing a person who is a part-time administrator and who would give up the teaching portion of his University schedule for two quarters.

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The FCC named the topics it wished to discuss with President Magrath:

1. Legislative liaison.
2. The request from a review committee report on the University's research office structure to transfer certain monies from one system of management to another.
3. Items which should be on the agenda for the FCC's luncheon meeting with the Regents November 13. Outreach is one topic.
4. What sorts of conversations will the University be holding over the next few months with the state and the legislature over the state of the University and its budget needs?

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 to begin the FCC meeting with the President and Vice Presidents.

Meredith Poppele,
SCC Secretary



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CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

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Chairman Marcia Eaton convened the meeting with Vice Presidents Keller and French and Dr. Carol Pazandak at 11:30 a.m. FCC members present were Bob Brasted, Russ Hobbie, Vera Schletzer, Skip Scriven, Donald Spring, Pat Swan, and Al Ward.

1. Research office structure at the University. Vice President Keller said that last summer the structure of the research office had been reviewed by a committee chaired by Russ Hobbie. As background, he explained that in response to a suggestion several years ago, central administration had spent \$100,000 to allow a kind of rotation of new faculty which would assist them in learning grantsmanship. The Hobbie committee study found no evidence of any increase in grants as a result of that experiment. The committee made the suggestion that monies for developing grants be allotted instead by departments. V. P. Keller raised the question of what would be the best way to take this issue through the consultative process.

Professor Eaton observed that the Graduate School is already screening requests for research grants for next summer. Professor Scriven recommended a step process toward a new plan, a phasing in, since many people are already working under the present scheme. V. P. Keller agreed a phasing in was in order, and said furthermore that much loss in grant overhead will be picked up again through the indirect cost recovery system.

There was a consensus that the Senate Research Committee was the appropriate body to discuss the question. The Consultative Committee will request a report back from Research.

2. President Magrath joined the meeting at 11:40 and Professor Eaton reported the FCC's discussion regarding a faculty legislative liaison.

3. Humphrey Institute site question. President Magrath will not at this time make any recommendation to the Regents on a site. Site is a divisive issue and he wants the discretion to negotiate the location if there is the chance to obtain the capital appropriation for the building. Professor Brasted inquired why there is not on file more public information about a west bank site. Vice President French remarked that in the original consideration of the building, the west bank had been rejected because of lack of visibility and lack of parking space. The President agreed there had been no early

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support, and that the common view had been the relatively small institute would appear dwarfed in that location. The bridgehead site had great initial appeal but subsequently revealed itself to be a more expensive place to build. Partisanship in the legislature complicated considerations. Arguments for the west bank advanced in the legislature last spring were that not a great addition of space was needed, that space in the law school was not fully used, and so on. The President said he is willing to accept whatever comes out of the legislature.

4. Minimal Budget. The President handed around a copy of the letter he will send to the state Commissioner of Finance explaining what the consequences would be to the University and the state of a \$23 million (10%) cut. The Governor and the Finance Commissioner had ordered the University, along with all state agencies, to submit a budget allowing for a cut of up to 10% of present operating budget and a reverse priority order list of what items would be cut. The community colleges are reportedly complying with this order. The President's letter says that the administration cannot state where cuts of that magnitude would be made, that only the Regents can make those decisions. President Magrath emphasized to the FCC his conviction that to publish even a hypothetical list of priorities in cutting would have devastating, demoralizing consequences. He also believes the University's constitutional autonomy makes it fundamentally different from all state agencies.

Professor Swan asked in what way the University would engage in conversation within the next few months with the legislature and with the people of the state regarding the mission of the University and the budget situation. She observed that the St. Paul campus of the University thinks in terms of the people of the state as being its constituency.

President Magrath said the administration has been and is continuing to hold conversations with legislators. He said he has found the sessions with from ten to twenty key legislators among the most useful means of communication. The President added that the administration makes numerous speeches and public statements, which are often attended by the press, but many of which the media never play. He meets systematically with the editorial staffs of the metropolitan area newspapers and he will be having such meetings again in the next few months. He will continue to try systematically to explain the consequences of a standstill or reduced budget.

Vice President French emphasized the continuing nature of the effort, including Vice President Kegler's periodic briefings and seminars, particularly on research programs. He noted that budget cut questions invariably came up at the outreach meetings which have been held in regard to the University Hospital's proposed renovation and expansion. Associate Vice President Linck is now chairing an informal task force to map out a plan of presentations to targeted groups in the state.

Professor Swan made the case that since the people of the state expect certain things of the University, they may come to see what they expect as being in jeopardy. Hence the people as well as the University need the dialog. She believes the people want to talk to the University. The President added

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a case in point of the University's advantage to the state: 17% of the budget for the Health Sciences comes from the state. All the rest is from other sources.

Professor Eaton expressed the view that it will be good for faculty morale to know that President Magrath is declining to submit the minimum budget. She favors publishing the President's letter to the Finance Commissioner as soon as possible after the President's November 12th meeting with Governor Quie.

5. President Magrath recommended the FCC affirm to the Regents at the luncheon meeting on November 13th their appreciation for the Regents' statement on faculty salaries, and also emphasize their concern over the effect of the budget cuts.

6. Collective Bargaining. Professor Eaton forwarded Arthur Williams' report of Tom Backg's pre-announced intention to resign from SCFA if UMEA were elected the bargaining agent at Duluth. Professor Eaton has asked that the letter of resignation, when it comes, be forwarded to the SCC.

President Magrath said that he was preparing statements and resolutions for presentation to the Board of Regents. The administration is anxious to proceed to expedite a contract now that an agent has been selected. He stressed the awkwardness and complexity of the elements involved under the Public Employees Labor Relations Act. The resolution he will propose will suspend the consultative and governance process at UMD and simultaneously grant the President discretion to reinstate for the interim as many advisory committees as possible. He presumes Senate membership for Duluth will be suspended. Professor Swan raised the question of whether the Health Sciences faculty at Duluth should now be permitted, even encouraged, to participate in the Senate.

The President stated that the PELRA law requires such suspension. He is not keen on the suspension. He is aware that many faculty want both to achieve collective bargaining and to maintain the informal consultative structure.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Meredith B. Poppele,
Secretary to SCC

November 11, 1980

To: President C. Peter Magrath
Vice President Stan Kegler

From: Marcia MM. EEaton, Chairman, Senate Consultative Committee

Professor Rick Purple has agreed to attend the Executive Hearing November 20 on behalf of the University Senate. A representative from UCBRBR (probably Professor Stan Lehmberg) will also be attending.

November 7, 1980

To: Doug Pratt
John Verrill -- Legislative Relations Committee
From: Marcia Eaton

At our FCC meeting yesterday the urgency of appointing a faculty liaison to the legislature was discussed. We would like to suggest to you the following list of people-- all of whom are acceptable to us--in the hopes that you, working with Vice President Kegler, can find one who will serve.

Carl Adams	Jack Merwin
George Blake	Fred Morrison
Dwight Brown	Paul Murphy
Don Browne	Dick Poppele
Oswald Brownlee	Rick Purple
John Borchert	Don Rasmussen
Ed Foster	Peter Robinson
Paul Grambsch	Frank Sorauf
John Howe	Gary Wynia
Walter Johnson	Phil Shively

I hope this can be taken care of before the end of the quarter. In the meantime, Rick Purple has agreed to go for us to the Executive Hearing on November 20. Pat Swan will also ask someone from UCBRBR to be present.

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to Doug Pratt
from Marcia Ester

Here is the letter from the President that I
mentioned. Of course we are in no way
bound by it.

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There are some good names on there.
I hope one can be convinced!

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August 18, 1980

Professor Marcia Eaton, Chair
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Dear Marcia:

I was not surprised to receive Stan Kegler's memorandum indicating the outcome of the discussions with Al Nier. I think we can all appreciate Al's position.

In thinking through some additional possible names, there are a few that have randomly occurred to me. I pass them along in alphabetical order for whatever value and interest they might have as we pursue this matter further:

Rutherford (Gus) Aris
John Borchert
Ed Foster
George Shapiro
Phil Shively
Bill Johnson

I am sure you and others will come up with other names, and we certainly ought to be able to find an outstanding person to take on this role -- whether we can persuade that person to do it is of course another matter.

Cordially,

C. Peter Magrath
President

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cc: University of Minnesota Vice Presidents
Associate Vice President Al Linck, Academic Affairs
Assistant Vice President George M. Robb, Institutional Relations